refer to the investigation of the raw materials for the manufacture of cement. Some time back enquiries relating to the availability of lime shells and limestone were taken up by the department.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know, was that done by the department or by the Professor of Geology in Madras ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The work was done by the Geological Section of the department. The Professor of Geology and the expert of the A. C. C. and another Geologist from America only checked up the work. They have found that the investigations conducted by our Geological Section in the matter of raw materials have been pursued along the right lines and the results derived from the work of the department have been reliable and accurate. The most important raw material needed is limestone or limeshells. That is available in very large quantities. Nearly 60 per cent of the raw material for cement is lime. The next important raw material is clay which again is available in large quantities. It has been proved that these two materials are found in abundance in Travancore. The estimates reckon on over four million tons of limestone and lime shells. The quantity will be sufficient to supply the material necessary for producing 30,000 tons per annum, for a period of over 75 years, when that factory is established.

President: The time for the Demand is over.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 89,132 under Demand XXI - Industries including Rubber Factory was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND XXIV—MEDICAL.

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 10,59, 187 under Demand XXIV—Medical.

Mr. T. K. Kittan: സർ, ഒ ഠ ശ്രപാക്കുമേൽ വരുമാനമുള്ള ഫർ ആശുപത്രികളിൽനിന്നും മരുന്നു വാങ്ങിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനു വിലകൊടുക്കണമെന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ ചട്ടം വച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതുകൊണ്ടു മരുന്നുവാങ്ങിക്കുന്നവർക്കു വലിയ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ട്. ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു വലിയ ലാഭമൊന്നുമില്ല. ഒരാൾ അത്യാവശ്യമായി മരുന്നിനു ചെല്ലുമ്പോൾ ഡാക്ടർ അഭ്യം തീരുമാനിക്കേണ്ടതു് അയാൾക്കു ഒ ഠ ശ്രപക്കുമേൽ വരുമാനമുണ്ടോ എന്നാണു്. ഇതു തീ ച്ചപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനു വളരെ സമയം വൃഥാകളയേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതൊരു വലിയ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടാണു്. ഇതിൽനിന്നും കിട്ടുന്ന ആദായം വളരെ തുച്ഛവുമാണു

President: It is not intended for any income at all.

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Mr. T. K. Kittan: ഏതായാലും ഈ ഏർപ്പാട് വലിയ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടാണ്. സുഖക്കേടുകാരൻ ചെല്ലുമ്പോൾ അവളുടെ വയ്മാനം അറിഞ്ഞ ശേഷമെ മരുന്നു കുറിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ എന്നു വരുന്നതു് ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വൈഷമ്യത്തെ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന ഒരേർപ്പാടാണു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ പദ്ധതി വു നിറുത്തലാക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ വണ്ടും അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: I want to make two suggestions. I think it is absolutely necessary that there should be a maternity ward attached to the General Hospital. I want to know whether the Doctors who are sent out from the male section of the Medical Department to various District Hospitals in the mofussil who have to attend maternity cases have got any training in that line what-so-ever. It may be said that they are qualified in maternity. I do not know how many persons are qualified. There may be one or two. It is one thing to be qualified and another thing to have the experience of the work. I think there would be no objection to have a maternity ward with ten beds attached to the General Hospital at Trivandrum. It will facilitate the training of Doctors and help to keep them in touch with maternity cases before they are actually sent out to various hospitals.

Another point of complaint is with regard to the ward that has been surrendered by the public of Quilon. We find that the ward has not yet been opened for the admission of patients. I do not know whether the head of the department is taking any great interest to see that the ward is opened. But we are very anxious to see the ward working. At the time of the opening of the ward, the Surgeon-General did not make it possible for her to be present at the function. Though it is a humble enterprise on our part I think it is of sufficient importance for the head of the department to interest herself and to make it possible for her to be present and encourage our endeavours in that direction. That has not been done. Not only that, none of the officers of the Quilon District Hospital were present. Their absence was noted and it was significant, and the public wondered why these people did not come when all others came. We are glad that we got the building for the institution. Why should not the Surgeon-General have the same feeling? I do not know the reason why the officers of the Quilon District Hospital and the Head of the Medical Department did not attend the opening ceremony of the ward. It is a case of real complaint and I request that as soon as possible arrangement be made for the utilisation of the Memorial building for the purpose for which it is intended.

Mr. A. Easwara Pillai: I oppose the Demand and in doing so I wish to point out the deplorable condition of the dispensary at Kottarakara. It is housed in a rented building which is

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dilapidated and miserably dingy. For the last 8 or 9 years I have been making representations, sending interpellations and also requesting the head of the department to bestow some attention in this matter. But all my efforts have failed. Last year I wrote to the Surgeon-General that if the land is acquired I would personally undertake the construction of the dispensary. It is very difficult to purchase the site because the owners are living in different parts of the Madras Presidency. So I wrote to the Surgeon-General that I would undertake to construct the building with the public help if the site required is acquired by Government. I did not get even a reply. Then I approached the Chief Secretary and represented the matter, but there is no response. The matter is very important and it concerns about 2 lakhs of people.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: I am glad that Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai has taken up the point which I had pointed out last year on the floor of the House, *i. e.*, opening a maternity ward in the General Hospital, Trivandrum so that newly appointed male Doctors may get sufficient experience in midwifery before they go to rural stations. Sir, we in Karthikapally are also constructing a ward to house the dispensary there and it is almost nearing completion. I am anxious that the Surgeon General will not adopt the same policy with regard to the opening of this ward as that adopted in the case of the Quilon Ward. I hope we will have sufficient explanation as to why she did not attend the function at Quilon and I believe that she will be able to be present at the opening function of the ward we are building.

Mr. James Fletcher: Sir, the recently opened X-Ray Department of the General Hospital is a great boon to the public. I am glad to say that it is being worked very well by the Doctor in charge. Lately I had an occasion to go to the place on account of a serious accident to a child. It was a Sunday evening and the Doctors generally do not attend to work on such evenings. When information was given that it was a serious accident, the Doctor, though having a slight fever, was good enough to come to the Hospital and take the necessary photo so that other Doctors may know where the fracture was. I am extremely thankful to the Doctor for having been so kind and it was so nice of him to have attended on the patient on that occasion. Similarly I may refer to the very good work that is being done on the surgery side of the hospital. Excellent work is being done there. I may say that most of the surgical operations are successful and they deserve our hearty congratulation. I think the department is working very satisfactorily.

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[Mr. James Fletcher.]

I have to make a request. The compound of the General Hospital is not kept in an attractive manner. It is a small matter that could be easily set right. I think small roads and small gardens with some flowers all round should be constructed so that it may be attractive instead of keeping it in a deserted condition.

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukkose: I am thankful to the honourable members for bringing up certain matters relating to the department before this house.

The first thing I would like to refer to is in regard to training in maternity work of male Medical Officers. I have felt that it is very necessary, and I have tried to do what was possible under the circumstances. For giving maternity training effectively a hospital with the best equipment and conveniences is necessary. It is not possible to give that training in the General Hospital because the Doctors there have certain specialised kinds of work to do, and it is not advisable to add training in maternity work also.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will it not be possible to equip the General Hospital with the necessary apparatus so that the newly appointed Doctors may get good training in maternity?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukkose: Equipment by itself is not sufficient. I do not think this is possible, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Will it not be possible to admit maternity cases for treatment?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukkose: Is it for treatment, Sir?

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Yes.

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukkose: During the period of training doctors do not treat cases. After gaining a certain amount of experience they are allowed to handle cases under supervision and midwifery is a subject which requires a lot of experience and training. At present, the male Medical Officers attached to the District Hospitals at Alleppey and Kottayam where there are facilities, get some experience.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know the difficulty in giving that training to the Medical Officers in Trivandrum?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukkose: It is not desirable Sir, to duplicate maternity work in Trivandrum. If the department is to open a maternity ward in the General Hospital for training it will have to be a very elaborate one. This is not necessary for we have a maternity hospital at Thaikaud. It is hoped that the training may be made available there at a future date.

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I request the President to give me a few more minutes to answer the particular point raised by Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai about my absence at the opening ceremony of the Ward at Quilon.

President : I am sorry, I cannot go beyond the allotted time.

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukkose : Sir, It is a matter which has been written about in the Newspapers and I am thankful to the honourable member for bringing it up before this House, I mean my absence from the opening ceremony of the memorial ward at the Quilon Hospital. Sir,.....

President : Order. Order. The time for the Demand is over.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 10,59,187 under Demand No. XXIV—Medical was put and carried.

The Grant was made.

The time for the voting of the Demands being over, the following Demands were also voted :—

	Rs.
Demand XXV—Ayurveda	84,698
do. XXVI—Public Health and Sanitation	2,67,715
do. XXVII—State Charities	9,501
do. XXVIII—Currency and Mint	2,01,861
do. XXIX—Stationery and Printing	3,38,336
do. XXX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments	1,62,132
do. XXXI—Miscellaneous Charges	1,48,047
do. XXXII—Anchal Department	3,91,838
do. XXXIII—Loans—Agricultural	5,000
do. XXXIV—Loans—Industrial Loans	10,000
do. XXXV—Other loans and advances	5,29,300
do. XXXVI—Debt Head—Departmental Advances	44,500
do. XXXVII—Debt Head—Coinage Account	4,00,000

The House adjourned at 5. 5 P. M. to meet again at 11, o'clock next day.

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